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1M IN REGARD BIGAYIMPUNZI GRANT (REF A), HE IS CURRENTLY IN EGYPT AND I CANNOT YET RAISE QUESTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS VISIT TO WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON. HOUVER, IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT GRB HAD PLANNED TO HAVE NEW LOAN NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED IN WASHINGTON BY MINFINANCE WHO WILL BE THERE END SEPTEMBER FOR IMF/BANK ANNUAL MEETING, AND THAT BIGAYIMPUNZI HAS GOTTEN INTO ACT ONLY BY INDICATING THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE IN U.S. THANKS TO LEADER GRANT. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEN OUR PAYMENT OF TRAVEL TO U.S. WOULD BE INDISPENSABLE. I WILL ADVISE AFTER HIS RETURN.

2. ON NDUWAYO GRANT (REF B), HE TELLS ME THAT HE WILL DEF-INITELY GO TO CONFERENCE, BUT THAT ITYAVENUE HAS JUST BEEN CHANGED FROM TORONTO TO GENEVA. HE HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM HIS MINISTER TO SPEND TWO WEEKS IN U.S. AND BELIEVES THERE WILL BE NO TROUBLE IN EXPANDING THIS TO THREE OR FOUR (AS DESIRED BY REF. B). HOWEVER, HE FULLY RECOGNIZES THAT AIR FARE ROUND TRIP FROM GENEVA TO NEW YORK WAS NEVER CONTEMPLATED, AND HE WILL THEREFORE BE DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT RPT NOT AT ALL ANGRY IF WE CANNOT PROVIDE THE EXTRA FUNDS.

3. FOR MY PART, I WOULD STILL HOPE THAT FY-76 "TRANSITION QUARTER" CAN BE STRETCHED TO MAKE NDUWAYO TRIP POSSIBLE FROM GENEVA. BUJUMBURA 573 EXPLAINED WHY HE APPEARS TO BE SUCH A
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DESIRABLE CANDIDATE, AND THIS IS EVEN MORE TRUE WITH THE

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ADDITIONAL TIME HE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE. EVEN IF HIGHER COST USES UP ALL OF POST'S FIFTH QUARTER ALLOCATION, AND THUS LEAVES NO MONEY FOR ANOTHER IV GRANT IN THOSE MONTHS NEXT YEAR, RESULT WILL BE MANAGEABLE. THIS IS BECAUSE BARAKANA IV GRANT SEEMS LIKELY FOR NEXT SPRING, AND BECAUSE SUMMER HIATUS THEREAFTER UNTIL FY-77 BEGINS WILL NOT RPT NOT POSE PROBLEM HERE, EVEN IF PRESENTLY REVIVING PATTERN OF MORE FREQUENT IV GRANTS IS SLIGHTLY MODIFIED. NDUWAYO WILL LEAVE HERE IN ABOUT TEN DAYS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW DECISION ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO BE ABLE, IF ANSWER IS POSITIVE, TO DISCUSS MORE DETAILED ITINERARY AND TO ISSUE VISA.
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